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# Island Insight



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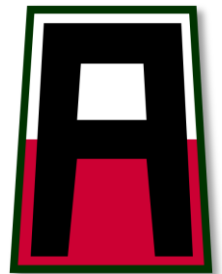


## First Army Addresses Leader Development, Readiness at Commander's Conference:

Restructuring the unit, developing leaders, and sustaining readiness for reserve component forces were the focus of the First Army Spring Commander's Conference held here March 5-7 in First Army headquarters. First Army commanding general, Lt. Gen. Michael S. Tucker, and First Army command

sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Sam L. Young, hosted the event. Gen. Daniel B. Allyn, U.S. Forces Command commanding general, addressed the conference on the final day. Allyn told attendees they were a key part of the Army's pending changes. "I'm excited about the progress you're making, and I appreciate you giving me the feedback about the bumps in the road we're still facing," he said. "I am confident that,

with the leadership we've got on this team, that we are committed to the Secretary of the Army's vision of Total Force Policy. The Secretary of the Army has given clear guidance, and we're going to deliver." Allyn also touched on leader development. "We've got stronger leaders in the Army than we've ever had," he said. ([More](#))



"HOME OF US ARMY LOGISTICS"

## ASC-Army Reserve Element Participates in Annual Korean Exercises with AFSBn-NEA:

This year's Key Resolve/Foal Eagle exercises afforded the opportunity for the Army Field Support Battalion - Northeast Asia, 403rd Army Field Support Brigade, Camp Carroll, Republic of Korea, to receive and integrate six Soldiers from Detachment 12, Army Sustainment Command-Army Reserve Element. The exercises began late February. The ASC-ARE provides Reserve Component Soldiers in support of Army Sustainment Command missions. ([More](#))



## Army Developing New Training Opportunities for Civilians:

Army civilians seeking leadership opportunities now have a more effective roadmap for advancements and new assignments. GS-14s and 15s have a path to professional development, senior-level educational or experiential



opportunities and leadership positions through the Senior Enterprise Talent Management program, or SETM. ([More](#))

## Pentagon Officials: We Need More Base Closures:

Each military branch has excess capacity and needs another round of base realignment and closure, defense officials told a House panel Wednesday. Appearing before the House Appropriations Committee's Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Subcommittee, officials noted varying amounts of excess capacity on U.S. bases, and sought help. ([More](#))



## Military Facilities Get Shorted As Part of DOD's Tough 2015 Budget Choices:

In order to stay under the budget caps Congress approved late last year, the Pentagon's budget staff had to make some unpleasant decisions about spending for military bases, officials said Wednesday. Military construction and money for base upkeep both took



# Upcoming Dates

- March 14:** Shamrock Sock-Hop, Heritage Hall, 6 p.m.
- March 15:** CASI St. Patrick's Day Road Race 5K, 9 a.m. (*No Government Bridge Involvement*)
- March 19:** Environmental Quality Control Council, Bldg. 90, Rm. 25, 10 a.m.
- March 19:** Protection Working Group, Baylor Conf., 1 p.m.
- March 20-21:** Pet Vaccine Clinic, Bldg. 225 Bays,
- March 20:** AAFES and PX Advisory Committee, 1 p.m.
- March 20:** First Day of Spring (Vernal Equinox)
- March 26:** Women's History Month Observance, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 1-2 p.m.
- March 27:** Community Information MTG, Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse, 9 a.m.
- March 27:** RIA General Officer Board of Directors, Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse, 3 p.m.
- March 27:** Right Arm Night, 4:30 p.m.
- April 4:** Installation Planning Board, Baylor Conference Room, 10 a.m.
- April 5:** ACS & CYS Child Abuse Awareness and Recognition of Month of Military Child Expo, Fitness Center, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- April 6-11:** Volunteer Appreciation Week
- April 8:** Holocaust Remembrance Day
- April 8:** Installation Volunteer Ceremony, Heritage Hall, 1 p.m.
- April 8:** RIA Community Special Events Planning Mtg. Heritage Hall, 1 p.m.
- April 8:** Crime Victim Awareness Day
- April 8-10:** DA Photo Studio
- April 9:** Tenant Senior NCO Meeting, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.
- April 12:** Free Spring Vehicle Inspection, Bldg. 351 Auto Craft Center, (TBD)
- April 12:** Easter Bunny at Commissary
- April 12:** QC Bandits Race to Home 5K Run, Government Bridge, 8 a.m.



significant hits. Defense officials say the building of the 2015 budget request was all about setting priorities, and they freely acknowledge that military facilities got the short end of the stick. ([More](#))

**Obama Executive Order to Expand Overtime Pay:** President Obama plans to issue an executive order to expand overtime protections for “millions of workers,” revising regulations to cover more people the administration believes should be paid extra for working more than 40 hours a week. According to the White House, Obama will direct Labor Secretary Thomas Perez “to begin the process of strengthening overtime pay protections for millions of workers to help make sure they are paid a fair wage for a hard day’s work while simplifying the rules for employers and workers alike.” ([More](#))



**Furlough Appeals Continue to Stretch MSPB 'Beyond Capacity':** As the Merit Systems Protection Board works through more than 32,000 furlough appeals on top of its normal caseload, the agency's resources continue to be

stretched thin. "Last summer we were severely tested when we got thousands and thousands of these cases filed electronically within a given period," MSPB Chairman Susan Tsui Grundmann said on Federal Drive with Tom Temin and Emily Kopp. "These cases flooded our system and really stretched it beyond the capacity that we were capable to maintain." ([More](#))

## **You Can Smoke Pot in Colorado Unless You're a Federal Employee:**

✂ The federal government, has remained staunchly against allowing its own workforce from sparking up some Mary Jane. President Ronald Reagan codified the prohibition of federal employees using marijuana in a 1986 [executive order](#), known as the “Drug-free federal workforce.” According to the order, “federal employees who use illegal drugs, on or off duty, tend to be less productive, less reliable and prone to greater absenteeism than their fellow employees who do not use illegal drugs.” “Marijuana is illegal under federal law and the rules prohibiting federal employees from using it still



apply, regardless of state laws,” the spokesperson told Government Executive. ([More](#)) ([Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs](#))

## **Budget Seeks Largest Increase In Federal Civilian Workforce Since 2009:**

After years of flat or even declining staffing levels at agencies across the federal government, the Obama administration wants most agencies to begin staffing up again. In fact, President Barack Obama's fiscal 2015 budget proposes the largest governmentwide staffing increase since 2009. ([More](#))

## **Army Family Team Building Brown Bag Seminars:**

Bring your lunch and take Level (K): Knowledge of the Military one class at a time during your lunch hour. Each Tuesday lunch hour 11:35 a.m. – 12:25 p.m., **Jan. 21 through March 25.** Classes held at Army Community Service (ACS), Bldg. 110. To register call ACS (309) 782-0829 or on [TEDs](#). Please register no later than one day prior. ([Flyer](#))





## Arsenal Attic Thrift

**Shop:** Shop at the Arsenal Attic Thrift Store every Tuesday, Thursday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. POC: (309) 782-6977.



## VIOS Schedule for April and May:

Official DA Studio Photography (DA, Government passport and command photos) will be offered at Rock Island Arsenal **April 22, 23 and 24;** and **May 6, 7, and 8** (Note changes to previous April dates). Appointments may be scheduled online by submitting a DA Form 3903 Work Request using the [Visual Information Ordering Site](#) for the available times: 7 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. Click on "Frequently Asked Questions" on the VIOS site for more information. Walk-in appointments are not available. Photographs will be taken at the Photo Studio (Bldg. 56, basement, by elevator). Priority is: 1. Active duty Soldier's DA photos; 2. Official government passport photos; 3. Official command photos; 4. DA photos for Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers (not on active duty). The 8"x10" head and shoulders - command photos will be printed and available digitally. Additional prints can be ordered in VIOS. To obtain an official

government passport photo: 1. Schedule a passport photo appointment at the RIA VIOS website. 2. Go to transportation to obtain a printed DA Form 3903, Multi-Media/Visual Information Work Order, signed by the passport agent in Block 14. 3. Present that DA Form 3903 to the photographer before the passport photo is taken. You will receive two 2" x 2" passport photos. All scheduled dates can be found on the RIA VIOS website FAQ.

**Blood Drives:** The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the Caisson Room (First Floor, Bldg. 60), on **Friday, March 14 & 21, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

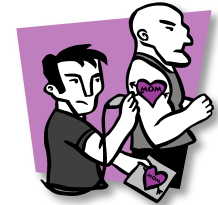


If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to e-mail [SHoegerl@mvrbc.com](mailto:SHoegerl@mvrbc.com) with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at (563) 359-5401, ext. 119. A **2<sup>nd</sup> shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **6:30 p.m. on April 25**. A **3<sup>rd</sup> shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **2:15 a.m. on May 16**. To sign up for a blood drive held on either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor.

[\(Blood Transfusion En Route to Trauma Center Keeps Navy Vet Alive\)](#)



**Charlie Corpuscle Says,** *"Can you donate blood if you have recently gotten a tattoo? Yes! As long as you went to a licensed facility for the procedure. If the facility you went to was licensed, there is no waiting period before you can again donate blood."*



**The Army encourages its employees to volunteer as candidates for any of the variety of medical donor programs, including blood, bone marrow, and organ donor/transplant programs. For additional information [click here](#).**

**RIAWC Funding Requests:** The Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club Community Support chairperson is accepting funding requests from area nonprofit organizations until **April 1**. Money for the Community Support fund is raised through club activities such as the Arsenal Attic and other fund raisers. All nonprofit organizations, including those who have never received RIAWC funding in the past, are welcome to apply. If you have received funds in the



past, you must submit a new application each year. Applications can be downloaded from our [website](#) and must be postmarked no later than **April 1**. For more information call Rebecca at (563) 940-5158.

## **SAME Engineering and Construction**

**Summer Camps:** The Rock Island Post of the Society of American Military Engineers is looking to send high school students (currently in grades 9-11) to one of two Engineering and Construction Summer Camps. Applications are due by **March 21**. ([Application & POC Details](#))

## **RIA Army Education Center Co-Hosting Employment-Education**

**Event:** The U.S. Army Garrison-Rock Island Arsenal is hosting a combined Employment-Education Event on Wednesday, **April 16**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. If you missed our last big Event in September, mark your calendars now. This event combines our education fair with our employment event. We will have expanded employer participation, veteran service



organizations to assist with resources and resume development and up to 20 local and online academic institutions in attendance to provide information regarding educational opportunities for Soldiers, veterans, family members and government employees. A brief list of schools and organizations attending includes: Black Hawk and Scott Community colleges, Western Illinois, St. Ambrose, and Upper Iowa universities, American Intercontinental, Ashford, and Kaplan universities, Palmer School of Chiropractic and Trinity School of Nursing and Health Sciences, the U.S. Small Business Administration, Iowa National Guard Family Assistance program, and more. Please join us to learn more about educational opportunities and how they can benefit you. Point of contact: [Stephanie Allers](#), or (309) 782-5895 for further information.

## **Stand Down for Homeless Vets Taco**

**Dinner:** A fundraiser to benefit the Bridging the Gap QCA, Inc. – Stand Down for Homeless Vets will take place **March 26**, 5-7 p.m., at the American Legion Post 246 located at 1623 15<sup>th</sup> St., in Moline. A \$5 donation for taco funds will be used for operations costs of Stand Down 2014. For more information

contact Mike Malmstrom at (309) 269-2012.

## **Boundless Playground Dedication & Army Family Covenant Signing**

**Ceremony:** The Rock Island Arsenal is the new home of a "[Boundless Certified Playground](#)" providing a truly inclusive facility where children and adults of all abilities can play and learn together. The Arsenal Island workforce and Quad-Cities community is invited to the Boundless Playground dedication & Army Family Covenant signing ceremony on Monday, **April 21**, at 10 a.m., at the new Memorial Park playground area. Event parking will be located behind Memorial Field across the street from Bldg. 110. The new Boundless Playground provides a world of opportunity where children along with their parents, caregivers, military veterans, and family members have the opportunity to play side by side and gain the developmental and health benefits derived from unstructured play in an inclusive environment. The playground includes: ramped wheelchair access to the highest platform center, universally accessible pathways and surfacing, activity transfers that maximize



accessibility, a swing with back support, elevated sand tables and activity panels, and activities for the hearing and visually impaired. A Boundless Playground provides a learning and growing environment so children develop a lifelong respect for and acceptance of individuals of all abilities. ([More](#))

## **Arsenal Island Employee Local**

**Discounts:** *The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees –* **The Slice:** Right off the Moline Bridge exit, is offering \$2 off their pizza buffet with drink to Rock Island Arsenal workers. **Double Tap Firearms:** Double Tap Firearms offers a 10 percent firearm discount and \$15 firearm transfer fee in Illinois to active duty and retired military personnel in the QCA ([🔗](#)). **Bennigan's Rock Island:** Arsenal employees, service men, service women you are always welcome at Bennigan's in Rock Island, and to show you how much your welcome here, we offer a 25 percent discount off your meal, any day any time ([🔗](#)). **New Life Chiropractic Clinic:** Arsenal Island employees, we're offering you a 20 percent discount on our services ([🔗](#)). **Goebel Family Dentistry:** Active duty members of the military receive a 10 percent discount on all services. All

other Arsenal civilian employees who are new patients can receive either the free exam and x-rays or a free whitening treatment on their first visit ([🔗](#)). *This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*

**AUSA Annual Golf Outing:** Save the date -- the 2014 Rock Island Arsenal Chapter of the Association of the US Army will once again have its annual golf outing "A Round For Our Soldiers" on **July 17**, at 12 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Golf Course. Proceeds support Soldiers, civilians, families, local chapter activities, and the Army Emergency Relief Fund.

**Feeding Deer on Post:** Per the Illinois Department of Natural Resources: Illinois residents and visitors are to refrain from feeding wild deer and other wildlife in areas where wild deer are present. A ban on feeding wild deer was enacted in 2002 as part of the state's continuing effort to limit the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease in the Illinois wild deer herd. The ban includes food, salt, mineral blocks and



other food products. "Making food and mineral products available where wild deer are present is a petty offense carrying a maximum \$1,000 fine." Recently unknown persons have taken to placing corn on an empty stump near Rodman Avenue just short of the cemetery. Deer are beginning to congregate in this area increasing the potential for a vehicle to hit these deer as they cross the way. These actions are not only illegal, but are also creating an extreme hazard for personnel driving onto the island. We have children that wait for the buses in the morning that could be struck by a swerving vehicle should these deer begin to run across the road more frequently. There is also the potential that other animals will begin to gather around this area with a potential for having rabies. Please refrain from feeding the wild animals on the Arsenal. Should residents or workers on the Rock Island Arsenal be caught performing this activity, they will be charged to the full extent. Additional charges could also apply: "If the investigation reveals that the bait was hunted over, the violator is subject to an additional Class B misdemeanor ticket, which may result in up to six months in jail and/or a fine of up to \$1,500, seizure of any items used for the hunt and loss of hunting privileges.



## Arsenal Traffic/Construction



**Safe Driving on Arsenal Island:** From the Garrison Commander ✂ "This morning (Thursday, March 6), at approximately 0530, a woman in a silver sedan failed to come to a complete stop at the stop sign located at the intersection of East and North streets. She did this while I was in the crosswalk on North Street. Even after seeing me in the crosswalk she continued to accelerate through her turn as if I were not there. I yelled at her to stop but she only seemed confused as to why I was yelling at her. I am sending this message because this is the seventh time this has happened to me in the nine months since my arrival on Rock Island Arsenal. I have also received numerous reports of similar scenarios happening to other island employees and residents. It is a common practice for drivers on the Arsenal to slowly roll through intersections with clearly marked stop signs. This practice is jokingly known as a 'California stop' in many areas around the country. But this is no joking matter.

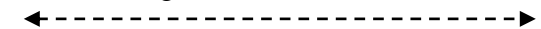


Illinois state law requires drivers to come to a complete stop before proceeding through an intersection marked with a stop sign. The state of Illinois also grants pedestrians the 'right of way' when utilizing a properly marked crosswalk on a public street. This means that motor vehicle operators are required to stop to allow pedestrians to clear a crosswalk before proceeding through intersections. RIA law enforcement personnel will be out in force to ticket violators who either fail to obey stops signs or likewise fail to stop when pedestrians are in crosswalks. I ask employees who experience similar incidents to record the license plate number along with state information of violators and report it to the Island police. I also ask island leaders to reinforce to your employees the importance of obeying the traffic code on and off the island. I would like organization safety officers to send a like message to those you are responsible for. The purpose of the traffic code is to ensure safety on the roads of the Arsenal. It empowers each of us to be a safety officer and to watch out for each other. It should be the goal of each Arsenal Island employee to prevent a potentially deadly accident involving a motor vehicle and a pedestrian." – Col. Elmer Speights, Jr.,

Garrison Commander, Rock Island Arsenal

## Future Ft. Armstrong Construction:

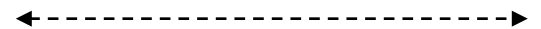
In the upcoming construction season, Rock Island Arsenal will be performing work on the intersection of Ft. Armstrong Drive and Rock Island Drive. This work will result in a full vehicle closure for the Installation's Rock Island Gate and Rock Island Viaduct, as well as restricting vehicles crossing the Government Bridge to "Installation-only" traffic. The American Discovery Trail will remain open. Construction is expected to last approximately two months, barring major weather delays. The exact construction start date is currently unknown. However, we have been coordinating with external agencies in an effort to minimize impact to the surrounding communities.



## Building/Space Closures



No Building/Space Closure related announcements this week.



## Active Duty/Reserve Zone





**Army Secretary Approves New Grooming, Uniform Regs:** Army Secretary John McHugh on Thursday approved a long-awaited revision to grooming and uniform regulations, according to an Army statement. The updated Army Regulation 670-1 and related policy will replace more than 50 all-Army messages and, “include new policies on many topics such as tattoos, fingernail polish, and general uniform wear,” the Army said. “Some of the contents will also be punitive.” The Army did not immediately release details of the overhauled regulations, but they are expected within the next few weeks. ([More](#))

**Military Proposes Big Changes in Retirement Benefits:** After years of silence on the intensely controversial issue of military retirement reform, the Pentagon on Thursday unveiled a detailed proposal for fundamental, far-reaching changes to the current pension system, Military Times has learned. The changes would preserve the current system's defining feature of a 20-year, "cliff-vesting," fixed-income pension. But it would ultimately provide smaller monthly checks, according to documents obtained by Military Times. ([More](#))

**DOD Removes 20 Areas From Imminent Danger Pay List:** The Department of Defense has removed 20 areas from its list of locations that qualify for imminent danger pay starting June 1, in a move that is expected to affect approximately 50,000 service members. DOD officials announced in January that service members in the 20 areas would no longer receive the additional imminent danger rate of \$225 per month. ([More](#))

**Soldiers Could Impact Direction of America -- By Voting:** Although the commander in chief is not on the ballot, this is still a "huge year" for voting, said Rachel Gilman. This year's elections will "encompass all 435 seats of the House of Representatives and 33 Senate seats" as well as state and local positions and other important things like initiatives and referendums, said Gilman, who is the Army voting action officer, Soldiers Program Branch, Adjutant General Directorate, Human Resources Command. ([More](#))

**Military Spouse Fun Night:** Calling all military spouses! This evening is planned just for you. Join us for an opportunity to have some fun, make some new friends, and meet other military spouses. We will be making a

greeting card and gift tag with a fee of \$5 for supplies. If you prefer not to do the craft, join us anyway for a relaxing evening getting to know other military spouses. Light refreshments will be hosted by the USO. The event is being held at Army Community Service/USO Center, Bldg. 110, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, SE Wing. Please RSVP to [Jan Saito](#) at (309) 782-4736.

Date: **Tuesday, March 25**

Time: **6 p.m.**

**Army Unit Training Management:** The Unit Training Management (UTM) provides the doctrine-based, how-to details of the U.S. Army's training management processes. It is the process commanders, leaders and staffs use to plan-prepare-execute-assess unit training and identify the resources needed to accomplish that training. Each process mixes art and science. The science aspect employs tools such as the military decision making process, pre-combat checks, after-action reviews and rehearsal of concept drills. Art emerges as leaders gain experience, which develops intuition - that gut feeling for knowing the right solution to challenges. Among the pillars of training, education and experience, experience contributes the most to leader development. As leaders experience every phase of the





UTM process, they will not only learn how to use the tools but also how to apply them artfully. Developing training and leader development plans using UTM is the best leader development tool available. ([More](#))

**U.S. Army's Future Network:** The tactical network serves as a critical enabler for a leaner, more expeditionary future force and the U.S. Army is making targeted technology investments to enhance network and mission command capabilities to meet those expectations for the Army's future network. The future network will standardize maps, messaging and icons to provide a unified user experience from garrison to foxhole. The future tactical operations center will be lighter, more agile and more energy efficient - using wireless technology to enable quicker setup and tear down times - while still supporting robust mission command. Soldiers will interact with touchscreens and voice-based digital assistants, enabling them to request, receive and act on information more quickly. Continued improvements to the tactical network will support the transition to a mobile, agile Army of 2025 by making it easier for Soldiers to get the information they need - anytime,

anywhere and on any device - with less training required. ([More](#))

**Bix 7 Road Race 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Ed Froehlich, race director of the Bix & Road Race, has informed the community that this year's race will be free to all active duty military. The race is on **July 26** in Davenport. The 7 mile road race is annually held during late July, in the streets of downtown Davenport. The race was founded in 1975 by John Hudetz, a resident of Bettendorf, Iowa. After competing in the 1974 Boston Marathon, Hudetz was inspired to bring the excitement to the Quad-Cities with a race of his own. The inaugural race had a field consisting of eighty-four runners. Today the race is often run by 12,000 to 18,000 runners. ([More](#))

**Walk-In Pet Vaccination Clinic:** The Great Lakes Veterinary Services will be hosting a pet vaccination clinic Thursday, **March 20**, 1-6 p.m.; and Friday, **March 21**, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the Rock Island Arsenal Fire Department. All active duty military, military reserve and National Guard, military



retirees, and dependents with valid identification cards are eligible to use this service. There is a charge for all services provided with payment in cash or check only. Please see [our website](#) for prices. Questions? Please call at (847) 688-5740 ext. 4.

### **ROVR Collects Animal Health**

**Records:** Military families value their electronic health record system and are grateful that they no longer have to take paper copies of their health records with them each time they move. Now the U.S. Army Public Health Command is training veterinary personnel on a similar system for government-owned animals and privately-owned animals belonging to military families. The new system is called the Remote Online Veterinary Record or ROVR for short. The system will offer Army veterinary service personnel worldwide new methods for recording and maintaining veterinary clinical information about the animals they treat. ([More](#))

**Operation Family Time Out:** Open to military kids and kids of deployed civilian ages 6 weeks to 12 years. This past January at the Two Rivers YMCA, the kids had a 4-H science activity on magnets. They learned how to levitate objects using magnets. They had a super

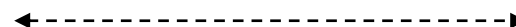


fun time learning how magnetic force works. Not only were they interested with the experiment but they had many questions about the topic. Frank, a 4-H volunteer, engaged the children in interactive, hands-on learning. We hope you can join us for another new science experiment and other educational programs that are coming up. Upcoming Programs will meet at the following YMCAs, 1-5 p.m. Upcoming programs are as follows: • **April 12** at the Davenport YMCA • **May 10** at the Two Rivers YMCA.

**Tax Assistance Center:** The Arsenal's Tax Center continues to assist active duty service members and retirees with filing their income tax returns. In March the Center welcomed an additional volunteer preparer with significant professional experience. Service is by appointment, with most appointments taking about an hour and more complex returns taking somewhat longer. Appointments are available week days through **April 15**. In accordance with IRS requirements, the tax center may prepare and submit most - but not all - federal and state income tax returns. If you suspect that your return may be especially complex, please discuss that with us when you call, and we can advise whether we will be able to

prepare your return(s). To schedule an appointment please call one of our preparers at (309) 782-8076/8457/1894/1709. Please bring the following to your appointment: photo ID; social security card (or official document showing SSN); documents showing income of any type (W-2s; 1099s, etc.); documents to support any deductions/credits; last year's return; voided check or deposit slip (if using direct deposit); dependents' SSNs and birth dates.

Time: **7 a.m. - 3 p.m.**



## Safety Spotlight



**Motorcycle Riding Courses:** The USAG Safety Office is offering Motorcycle Riding Courses for military personnel. The motorcycle rider training program is certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The courses are designed to help riders manage their risk and increase their skills through riding and classroom instruction. Per DODI 6055.4, DOD Traffic Safety Program, military personnel who operate motorcycles must be appropriately licensed to operate on public highways and must have successfully completed an approved rider or operator safety course meeting the MSF-based State-

approved curriculum. Any military member operating a motorcycle on or off Rock Island Arsenal must be in possession of a MSF card when they ride to verify completion of required training. The approaching motorcycle training courses are scheduled as follows: • **Basic Motorcycle Riding: June 10-11** (two 8-hour days) • **Experienced Rider Course: June 12** (one 8-hour day) Registration for either course is through the web-based AIRS system at <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/AIRS>. Each course size is limited to 12 riders. If you need further information please contact either [Nancy Carlson](#) or [Michael Chaplin](#) via phone extension 782-1380.



## Equal Opportunity Focus



**Women's History Observance – Save the Date:** There will be a Women's History Observance on **March 26**, 1-2 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. This year's theme for Women's History Month is "Character, Courage, and Commitment." Every member of the island and their families are



invited to attend the observance. The observance will be available in [TEDs](#). March is a time to celebrate the contribution and honor the sacrifices and accomplishments of women who shaped the service and the nation. They persevered through social and cultural challenges and legal restraints to create a new legacy of achievement for generations that followed. They opened doors and breached barriers and inspired those who witnessed their character, their courage and their commitment. The theme was this year's observance is: Celebrating Women of Character, Courage and Commitment. For additional information or accommodations please contact [Sgt. First Class Raymond Gonzalez](#), Equal Opportunity Advisor US Army Sustainment Command, (309) 782-3021. ([StandTo!](#))

### Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)



Visit the MWR website at [www.riamwr.com](http://www.riamwr.com) for information on all MWR programs. Also [click here](#) to become a fan on Facebook, or Twitter [@golf1897](#), and stay up to date on all the great MWR offerings here at the Arsenal.

**New Fitness Center Classes:** Group fitness classes at the Fitness Center are a great way to get those New Year's resolutions off to a running start. With a wide variety of class styles including rowing, spinning, yoga, TRX and our new 20:20:20 & Fit For Life classes there is sure to be something for all. [Visit here](#) for full class schedules, descriptions and prices or call (309) 782-6787.

**Auto Skills Newsletter:** Check out the March edition of the Auto Skills newsletter for some great info on potholes, the dangers they pose to your automobile and how we can help you avoid costly repairs. Also in this month's issue: Spring car care month specials and info on a bus trip to see a NASCAR race this spring. ([Check it out here](#))

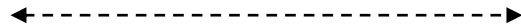
**Carwash Notice:** With all the salt on the roads this time of year the carwash bay located in the Auto Skills Shop (Bldg. 351) is a great place keep your vehicle clean, shiny and rust free. If you do use the carwash please remember to close the door to the wash bay when you are finished as this cold weather wreaks havoc on the water pipes and will shut down the system.

**New Group Fitness Class: Fit For Life:** Fit For Life is a class designed to help you stay healthy, fit, and active throughout all stages of your life. This class combines low impact cardio, strength training, balance, and flexibility training. This class is also a great way to improve health, help you feel better, have fun, and socialize with others! Fit For Life will help individuals improve balance, posture, coordination, flexibility, strength, and endurance through instructed guidance using light weights, resistance bands, stability balls, medicine balls, indoor track and various other pieces of equipment. The class is offered in six-week sessions for \$18 for civilians and \$16 for military or just try 1 class and pay the drop-in fee of \$3/class. Call (309) 782-6787 for more info and to sign up. ([Flyer](#))  
Time: **9-9:45 a.m.**

**MWR 2014 Garden Plot Sign Ups:** Do you have a green thumb but no place of your own to dig in the dirt? Sign up to use one of our garden plots this spring to grow all your favorite fruits, veggies, flowers, etc. Each plot is approx. 20' x 20' and can be rented for the entire growing season for just \$25 + \$100 refundable cleaning deposit. Sign-ups will be staggered and allotted based on patronage eligibility. Signups for this



season's MWR Garden Plot Program at Outdoor Recreation Bldg. 333 are: Active duty military – March 3; retired military – March 10; and RIA civilians – **March 17**. For more information and complete details phone Outdoor Recreation at (309) 782-8630. ([Flyer](#))  
Time: **8:15 a.m. - 4 p.m.**



## MWR Leisure Travel Office



**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bldg. 60. The office is closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., (309) 782-5890. ([email](#)) ([website](#))

**Family Shamrock Sock Hop:** Join us for a rockin' boppin' good time **March 14**, 6-9 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, as we dance all night, like we're at the hop and keep the fun going, until we drop. We'll dance all night, like we're at the hop and keep the fun going, until we drop. There will be music, door prize drawings, games, children's activities, contests (sack race, hula hoop, simon says, best costume award, best 50s dance couple.) Hot dog, chips, and soda



combo for \$5. So, be there or be square and bring the whole family. For more info please call (309) 782-4420. ([Flyer](#))

### **St. Patty's Day Lunch Special at the Golf Clubhouse:**

It's that time of year when everyone seems to have a little Irish in them so come on down to the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse Tuesday - Friday, **March 11-14**, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., and enjoy some traditional Irish cooking with our corned beef and cabbage lunch special for \$8.50 or a Reuben sandwich for \$6.95. ([Flyer](#))

**Books Are Fun:** Books Are Fun will be visiting Bldg. 60, Heritage Hall dining area for two days, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Stop by and check out all the discounted books and gift ideas they have to offer.  
Date: **Wednesday, March 19**

### **No Limit, Deep Stack Texas Hold 'Em**

**Tournament:** Think you've got the best poker face in town? Come prove it Saturday, **March 22**, at 5 p.m., at the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse's semi-annual No Limit, Deep Stack Texas Hold 'Em Tournament. Entry fee is \$50 with the option for a \$20 add-on. There will be lots of prizes, giveaways and goodies. Doors open at 5 and cards start flying at 6:30 p.m. Great food and drink specials will keep you satisfied and at

the table all night long. Call (309) 782-4372 for more info and to register. ([Flyer](#))

### **Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing:**

Circa 21 children's theatre presents: Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing. It is a humorous look at family life and the troubles that can only be caused by a younger sibling. This play teaches children about responsibilities and how to recognize certain feelings they have, whether with family or friends, and that the emotions they have are ok. Discounted seats on sale until **April 5** ... \$9 per person.

Date: **Saturday, April 19**  
Time: **10 a.m.**

**Monster Jam:** Monster Jam will be coming to the iWireless Center for two days. Leisure Travel has discounted tickets available for \$20 for adults and \$13.50 for children under 12-years-old. On sale until **April 28**.

Date: **Saturday, May 17**  
Time: **7 p.m.**

### **FMWR's 1<sup>st</sup> Nationwide NASCAR**

**Race Bus Trip:** Leisure Travel/Auto Shop have seats available for the bus trip to the Iowa Speedway in Newton Iowa. Bus will depart from the Auto Shop at 6:30 a.m. please arrive early for





refreshments compliments of the Auto Shop. ½ stop to and from the Iowa Speedway. You are allowed to bring a small cooler. Cost of trip is \$69.

Date: **Sunday, May 18**

Time: **6:30 a.m.**

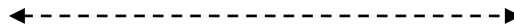
## Walt Disney Military Promotion

**Tickets:** Disney has renewed the Armed Forces Salute for yet another year. The offer will run **Sept. 29, 2013 – Sept. 27, 2014**. Qualified individuals may purchase up to a maximum of six theme park tickets during the period. Four-Day Park Hopper tickets \$169 Four-Day Water Park & More tickets for \$169 Four-Day Park Hopper tickets plus the Water Park & More option for \$198, **April 13** (no theme park or water park use) **July 4** (no Magic Kingdom use) Please allow three weeks for ticket arrival when ordering.

**Universal Studios Orlando:** This special ticket is good for unlimited admission for three days over a seven consecutive day period from first redemption. Universal Orlando Resort is more than a theme park, it is an entire universe of action and thrills featuring two spectacular theme parks unlike anything else in Orlando. Ticket expires on **May 9**; unused days shall be forfeited.

## Davenport Cinemark 53<sup>rd</sup> 18 + IMAX

**Theatre:** Leisure Travel is selling Platinum Supersaver Prepaid Admission Tickets to Davenport Cinemark 53<sup>rd</sup> 18 + IMAX theatre (formally 53<sup>rd</sup> cinemas and RAVE cinemas) These tickets have no restrictions or expiration date.



## Child, Youth & School Services



### Exploring Theatre Arts at the School

**Age Center:** The kids at the School Age Center have had 4-H lessons on Theater Arts. They are learning how to become more confident and expressive in front of others. In February they will participate in activities that enhance their voices, facial expressions and body language. They will perform simple pantomimes in small groups. They will also be telling jokes and reciting tongue twisters in front of their peers. Last, they will participate in Reader's Theatre. The kids will practice scripts and then read them in front of an audience. This is a great way to encourage and develop reading skills while engaging in a cooperative and fun activity. Coming up in March, the kids will be participating in service learning activities. On **March 31** there will be a guest presenter from

the American Red Cross. She will be teaching the kids about basic first aid.

[For more information on what the School Age Center offers.](#)

### Youth Summertime Activities Expo:

Help us kick off Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month. Parents bring your children and join us for the Youth Summertime Activities Expo at the Fitness Center on Saturday, **April 5**, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Vendors from area organizations will be there to help you find the right activities to keep your child and family busy all summer long. The Expo will have vendors from four major categories: summer fun and activities; day and resident camps; volunteer opportunities; and education. All booths will have crafts and activities for children to do at the event plus there will be food available for purchase at the Island Oasis. QCA Children are invited to help "plant" a pinwheel garden with the Child Abuse Council, 8:30-9:45 a.m., in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month. The pinwheels stand for the chance at the healthy, happy and full lives all children deserve. The pinwheel garden will remain in place for the entire month of April. For more information about a booth or the Expo contact [Katie Mettee](#) at (309) 782-2165. ([Flyer](#))



Date: Saturday, April 5

Time: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

## Army Community Service (ACS)



ACS is located in Bldg. 110, 1<sup>st</sup> floor SE; Visit our [ACS website](#) or phone (309) 782-0829. Call ahead for special accommodations when attending ACS classes. [Find us on Facebook click here](#). 24/7 Sexual Assault Hotline: (309) 229-8412



## Employee Assistance Program



For free, confidential counseling assistance or for information on services that are available, call (309) 782-4357. Normal business hours are from 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. For additional information on the Employee Assistance Program see [our website](#) or visit us on [Facebook](#). The new location for the EAP/ASAP is Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, East.

## National Sleep Awareness – March 2014

Did you sleep well last night? Your answer to this question could tell others much about your mood and energy level today. It has been found that the emotion centers of the brain are over 60 percent more reactive after missing a single night's sleep ([ScienceDaily, 2007](#)). To anyone who has suffered a sleepless night, these results probably aren't surprising. However, they do offer insight into the link between depression, anxiety, and sleep problems. If you find that you have more than an occasional poor night's sleep, or if you feel exhausted during the day despite sleeping through the night, it may be a sign that you are suffering from depression, anxiety or another mental health condition. Contact the EAP at (309) 782-4357 for free and confidential counseling and referral assistance. You can also access an anonymous mental health screening at [www.militarymentalhealth.org](http://www.militarymentalhealth.org). Don't let depression or another mental health condition get in the way of your good night's sleep.

**Assertiveness Training**: Do you want to learn strategies to communicate effectively and to enhance yourself personally and professionally? Sign up for Assertiveness Training. Classes will

be offered **April 8, May 6, June 10, July 8, Aug. 12**, Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 122. Sign up in [TEDs](#) (key word 'assertiveness') or call (309) 782-2552 to reserve your spot. Sponsored by: Employee Assistance Program

**Time Management**: Do you feel that there is never enough time in a day to get everything done? Would you like to learn some tips to become more organized and free up some time for more fun? Sign up for a Time Management class. Classes will be offered **March 25, April 22, May 13, June 24, July 22, Aug. 26**, Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 122. Sign up in [TEDs](#) (key word 'Time Management') or call (309) 782-2552 to reserve your spot. Sponsored by: Employee Assistance Program

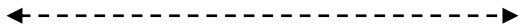
**PTSD Support Groups**: You don't have to go through this alone. The Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic and Employee Assistance Program are sponsoring support groups to assist you through this difficult challenge. Contact Rita Baugh, EAP counselor, at (309) 782-2552 for more details.

**Grief Support Group**: The Employee Assistance Program is sponsoring a



support group for individuals who are mourning the death of a loved one. The group meets on Tuesdays, 3-4 p.m., at Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 122. For more information, contact Rita Baugh, EAP counselor, at (309) 782-2552.

**Smoking Cessation Group:** Spring is just around the corner. What better time to kick the habit. The Employee Assistance Program offers an ongoing educational support group for people who would like to quit smoking. The group meets each Wednesday, 3-4 p.m., at the EAP office located in Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, East Wing.



## Education/Training Review



**The Rock Island Army Education Center is located in Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, west end of the building. Office hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. Phone: (309) 782-2065 Fax: (309) 782-7901. Please visit our [website](#) to learn more.**

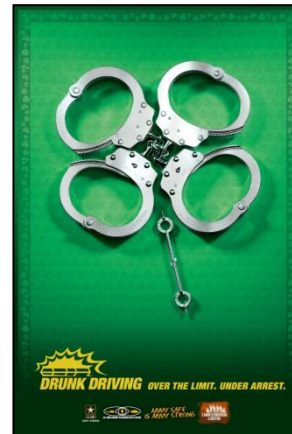
**FEEA Taking Applications for 2014-15 Scholarships:** The Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund announced it is taking applications for its 2014-2015 FEEA Scholarship

Program. The program, which began taking applications Jan. 2, is open to civilian federal and postal employees with at least three years of service by **Aug. 31**, as well as to their spouses and dependents. Active duty and retired military service members and their dependents are eligible only through a sponsoring civilian employee spouse. Applications must be postmarked no later than **March 28**, FEEA said. ([More](#))

**St. Patrick's Day Drinking and Driving Prevention:** Don't depend on dumb luck—designate a sober driver before the party begins. For many

Americans, St. Patrick's Day has become a popular night out to celebrate with friends and family. Unfortunately, due to the large number of drunk drivers, the night out has also

become very dangerous. On St. Patrick's Day 2010, 37 percent of the drivers and motorcyclists involved in fatal crashes had a blood alcohol content of .08 or above, according to statistics by the



National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Additional NHTSA statistics show that in 2010, there were 103 crash fatalities on St. Patrick's Day. Out of that number, 39 people were killed in traffic crashes that involved at least one driver or motorcyclist with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher. The RIA Army Substance Abuse Program recommends the following easy steps, for a safe St. Patrick's Day: • Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin. • Before drinking, please designate a sober driver and leave your car keys at home. • If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely. • If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate to contact your local law enforcement. • And remember, if you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

**Save the Date - Spring Employment-Education Event:** On Wednesday, **April 16**, the U.S. Army Garrison Rock Island Arsenal is hosting a combined Employment-Education Event, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60. If you missed our last big Event in



September, mark your calendars now. More than 50 employers, colleges, universities, and veteran service organizations will be on hand to assist service members, family members, and veterans seeking employment or education and training opportunities. If you are preparing for a new career, thinking about starting a business, or interested in pursuing further education, please join us. Point of contact: [Stephanie Allers](#), or (309) 782-5895 for further information.

**RIAWC Scholarships Available:** The Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club is now accepting scholarship applications from High School Seniors and Continued Education Students. Applicants must meet eligibility requirements stated in the scholarship application. Merit-based scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$750.00-\$1,500.00. Applications are available effective Jan. 15 from guidance counselors at local high schools and colleges, the Arsenal Attic (thrift shop), the fitness center, the commissary, by [email](#) or [download from our website](#). A link to the application can also be accessed on our [Facebook page](#) under the events section. Applications must be post-marked no later than **March 15**.

**Army Emergency Relief Scholarship Applications Now Available On-line:** AER scholarship on-line applications for Army Spouses and Dependent Children of Active Duty Soldiers, Retirees and the Fallen are now available through April at [www.aerhq.org](#) and look under the Scholarship button, or go directly to [www.aerhq.org/dnn563/Scholarships.aspx](#). For more information call (309) 782-1499 or [jon.c.cook.civ@mail.mil](#). The AER Scholarship brochure can be viewed at [www.riamwr.com/acs/emergency-relief](#).

**NDIA Lifetime Achievement Awards:** Nominations are being accepted for the Lt. Gen. (Ret) Lawrence Skibbie award for Lifetime Contributions to National Defense, the Maj. Gen. (Ret) William Eicher award for Lifetime Contributions to the Weapons Industrial Base and the Maj. Gen. (Ret) Paul Greenberg award for Lifetime Contributions to the Ammunition Industrial Base. Applications must be postmarked no later than **April 12**. Send nominations to Jimmy Morgan, 289 Niabi Zoo Road, Coal Valley, IL 61240 or [jimcmorgan@aol.com](#). Application details at [www.ndia-ia-il.org](#).

## **NDIA Academic Year 2014-15**

**Scholarship:** Applications for the Iowa Illinois Chapter NDIA Academic Year 2014-15 scholarship are now being accepted. The scholarship application may be found at [www.ndia-ia-il.org](#). Applications must be postmarked by **March 24**. Call (563) 650-3252 for further information.

## **Sgt. Paul Fisher Academic Year 2014-**

**15:** Scholarship Applications for Academic Year 2014-15 Sgt. Paul Fisher Scholarship are now being accepted. High school senior sons and daughters of active duty, reserve, and retired military members in Iowa and northwestern Illinois are eligible to apply. Applications are available on the chapter's web site, [www.ndia-ia-il.org](#). Applications must be postmarked by **March 24**. Call (563) 650-3252 for any additional information.

## **2014 IA/IL WID Scholarship:**

Applications for the IA/IL Chapter WID 2014-15 academic year are now being accepted. The application may be found at [www.widiic.org](#), and must be postmarked by April 14. Questions: Contact Chioma Ezeugwu, (309) 269-7148 or e-mail: [scholarships@widiic.org](#). Date: **Monday, April 14**





Time: 3 p.m.

## Commissary / Exchange

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The [Rock Island Commissary](#) and the [Exchange](#) are for active duty military and retirees only. There are exceptions for select items (mainly consumable) at the Exchange that can be purchased by Arsenal Island employees with ID. The Commissary makes fresh fruit baskets daily for you! Shopping for someone who has everything? Problem solved. They are hungry for fresh fruit. Just buy them a fruit basket and relax. Ask our friendly staff to make you one or order one in advance. Check out local specials and get POC information [HERE](#). For information on this and other Commissaries, visit: [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) ([Facebook](#))

## Arsenal Archive

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Information for the *Arsenal Archive* is made available by the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The Museum is open to the public, Tuesday through Saturday, 12-4 p.m. Closed Sunday,

Monday, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free. ([website](#))

**This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – March 10-16:** In March 1878, the RIA began construction of Shop H (Bldg. 66) & Shop I (Bldg. 110). In March 1881, construction of Shop K (Bldg. 68) began. In March 1960, RIA was engaged in research and development work with the design of the 11Smm artillery-type rocket launcher, XM70 for the U.S. Marine Corps. In March 1873, RIA Commander Major D. W. Flagler prepared a list of regulations to govern uses of and conduct on the Government Bridge from Rock Island to Davenport. On March 16, 1984, a ground-breaking ceremony was held on RIA for the multi-million dollar construction phase of Project REARM, RIA's first major construction since WWII.

## Healthbeat

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**TRICARE Tip of the Week – Adding a Newborn or Adopted Child:** If an active duty service member or family member is enrolled in TRICARE Prime, a newborn or adoptee



will be treated as a TRICARE Prime beneficiary on the date of birth or adoption for 60 days, however, an enrollment form is required within that 60 days or once your newborn or adoptee is enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System to ensure continuous prime care. For further information on enrolling your new born or adoptee see your Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinator.

## Notes for Veterans

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**VA Strategic Plan Now Available Online:** VA's FY2014-2020 Strategic Plan is now available online. We greatly appreciate all the input we received from our partners, stakeholders and Veterans to help write this plan. In the spring of 2012, consultations were held with Congress, the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Veterans service organizations, military service organizations, VA's unions and VA advisory committees and the American public via a Federal Register Notice. ([More](#))

**Veterans Make Up Growing Share of Federal Workforce So Why Is Their Morale Faltering?** : Nearly three in



every 10 new employees hired by the federal government have worked for Uncle Sam before — in uniform. Even with budget downturns and slackened hiring at many agencies in recent years, the feds have managed to keep pace with steep veteran hiring targets mandated by President Barack Obama in 2009. In 2012, nearly 29 percent of new hires were veterans — by the government's count, the highest percentage of new veteran hires in some 20 years. That equated to more than 56,000 veterans joining the ranks of the civil service that year. ([More](#))

## Carpooling Announcements

Submit carpooling announcements via the [Island Insight submission page](#). Please use that page to contact Garrison Public Affairs to take your announcement off once you have found a ride.

**Did You Know?:** The [AMTBP \(Army Mass Transportation Benefit Program\)](#) is a program where Army employees can qualify for up to \$245 in reimbursements for use of



mass transportation (to include van pooling). ([More](#))

## Carpool:

- **Ride:** Looking for a ride and pay for gas. Location – Sherwood Forest Apartment, Davenport. Call thru Illinois relay at (800) 526-0857 to contact me at (309) 782-1078 (TTY). ([Email](#))
- **Carpool:** Carpool from Rio, Ill., looking for people to carpool with along 150. Please call (309) 782-5472.
- **Carpool:** New hire with flexible hours seeking to pay for ride from Moline 9<sup>th</sup> & 53<sup>rd</sup>, (Franklin School area) (309) 757-5755.

## Around the Q.C.

- March 15:** [29<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade](#) (Rock Island & Davenport)
- March 19-22:** [Gathering of the Green](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)
- March 21:** [NCMA QC Chapter Trivia Night with Mr. Trivia](#) (Knights of Columbus Hall 1111 W. 35<sup>th</sup> St. Davenport)
- March 21-23:** [QCCA Flower and Garden Show](#) (QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island)
- March 26:** Stand Down for Homeless Vets Taco Dinner, 5-7 p.m. (American Legion Post 246, 1623 15<sup>th</sup> St., Moline)

- March 28-30:** [2014 Writing My Way Back Home: Midwest Veterans Writing Workshop](#) (Cedar Rapids Veterans Memorial Building)
- March 29:** [Davenport Chordbusters Spring Show](#) (Bettendorf High School Performing Arts Center)
- April 12:** [Bandits Race to Home 5K](#) (Modern Woodman Park)
- April 12:** [Run for Renewal 5K](#) (Sr. Concetta Park, Davenport)
- April 26:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)
- May 2-3:** [Army JROTC 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "Blue Devil" Raider Challenge](#) (Naval Operations Support Center, Bldg. 218, Arsenal Island)
- May 3:** [Village in Bloom: Festival of the Arts](#) (Village of East Davenport)
- May 3:** [Derby Day Party](#) (Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse)
- May 3:** [Venus Envy](#) (Bucktown Center for the Arts, Davenport)
- May 10-11:** [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)
- May 17:** [5<sup>th</sup> Annual You Were Made for This 5K](#) (Young Life, Moline)
- May 17:** [Livefit With Lupus Run 5K](#) (LeClaire, Iowa)
- May 17:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)
- May 26:** [49<sup>th</sup> Annual Quad Cities Criterium](#) (Downtown Rock Island)
- June 3-7:** [Quad Cities Senior Olympics](#) (Rock Island)
- June 6-7:** [Rhubarb Festival](#) (Aledo, Ill.)
- June 6-7:** [22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gumbo Ya Ya](#) (The District, Rock Island)
- June 7-8:** [QC Pridefest](#) (Downtown Davenport)
- June 12:** [Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour](#) (Isle Casino Hotel, Bettendorf)



**June 12-15:** [19<sup>th</sup> Annual Rally on the River](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)

**June 14:** [Run for the Hills XC 5K](#) (Crow Creek Park, Bettendorf)

**June 14:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)

**June 14-15:** [Juneteenth](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

**June 15:** [30<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride the River Bike Ride](#) (Downtown Davenport)

**June 16:** [12<sup>th</sup> Annual YSB-Whitey Verstraete Memorial Golf Outing](#) (Pinnacle Country Club, Milan, Ill.)

**June 17-21:** [145<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock Island County Fair](#) (Rock Island County Fairgrounds, East Moline)

**June 21:** [Inaugural Micro Brew Mile & 6k Road Race](#) (Moline)

**June 21:** [Royal Ball Run For Autism 5K](#) (Milan, Ill.)

**June 22:** [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Deere Family Homes, Moline)

**June 27-28:** [Greek Cultural Fest](#) (Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, East Moline)

**July 3:** [Red, White & Boom!](#) (The District & Downtown Davenport)

**July 3-5:** [30<sup>th</sup> Annual Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

**July 4:** [Firecracker Run & Parade](#) (East Moline)

**July 4:** [Bettendorf Old-Fashioned 4th of July](#) (Bettendorf)

**July 7-13:** [John Deere Classic PGA Tour](#) (TPC Deere Run, Silvis)

**July 10-12:** [Walcott Truckers Jamboree](#) (Iowa 80 Truckstop, Walcott, Iowa)

**July 12:** [Case Creek Obstacle Run 5K](#) (Coal Valley, Ill.)

**July 12:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)

**July 17:** [AUSA Annual "A Round For Our Soldiers" Golf Outing, at 12 p.m.](#) (Arsenal Island Golf Course)

**July 25-26:** [43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Street Fest Presented by the MVRBC](#) (Downtown Davenport)

**July 26:** [41<sup>st</sup> Annual Quad-City Times Bix7](#)

**July 29-Aug. 3:** [95<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport)

**July 31-Aug. 3:** [43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (RiverCenter/Adler Theatre, Davenport)

**Aug. 2:** [British Auto Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa)

**Aug. 7:** [2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Freedom Run 5K](#) (East Moline, Ill.)

**Aug. 7-9:** [Great Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa & Port Byron, Ill.)

**Aug. 8-9:** [22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)

**Aug. 9:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)

**Aug. 9-10:** [28<sup>th</sup> Annual Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Airport, Mount Joy, Iowa)

**Aug. 15-16:** [10<sup>th</sup> Annual River Roots Live & Rockin' Rib Fest](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

**Aug. 16:** [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)

**Aug. 22-24:** [World Series of Dragracing](#) (Cordova Dragway)

**Aug. 23:** [Silvis Home Run 5K](#) (Shadt Park, Silvis, Ill.)

**Aug. 30-31:** [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)

**Sept. 1:** [Bettendorf Rotary Run with Carl](#) (Life Fitness Center, Bettendorf)

**Sept. 5-21:** [East West Riverfest](#) (Various QC Locations)

**Sept. 6:** [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

**Sept. 6:** [¡Viva! Quad Cities](#) (Isle of Capri, Bettendorf)

**Sept. 6:** [QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show](#) (John Deere Pavilion, Moline)

**Sept. 6-7:** [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)

**Sept. 13:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)

**Sept. 19-20:** [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)

**Sept. 20:** [15<sup>th</sup> Annual WQPT Brew Ha Ha](#)

**Sept. 20-21:** [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Lindsay Park, Village of East Davenport)

**Sept. 28:** [17<sup>th</sup> Annual Quad Cities Marathon](#)

**Sept. 26-28:** [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Kennedy Square, East Moline)

**Oct. 4:** [Night of the Running Dead 5K](#) (Davenport)

**Oct. 4:** [GiGi's Super Hero Run](#) (Bettendorf)

**Oct. 11:** [Trinity Quad Cities Classic Regatta](#) (on the Mississippi River in Moline)

**Oct. 11:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-in and Car Show](#) (Kimberly Center, Davenport)

**Oct. 12:** [Apple Fest](#) (Downtown LeClaire, Iowa)

**Oct. 23:** [Fright Night](#) (The District, Rock Island)

**Oct. 25:** [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Moline)

**Oct. 25-26:** [Boo at the Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo, Milan, Ill.)

**Nov. 22:** [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)

**Nov. 22:** [Lighting on the John Deere Commons](#) (John Deere Commons, Moline)

**Nov. 22:** [Holiday Pops Concert](#) (Downtown Moline)

**Dec. 7:** [19<sup>th</sup> Century Christmas](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)

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